MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether they were second grade clerks when they were promoted as Head Clerks?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They might have been in the second or third grade; I cannot say that now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What was the reason for promoting second and third grade clerks as Head Clerks when first grade clerks were available?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rule in the Registration Department is that, for appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 30 and above, the incumbent should have passed the departmental test. Those clerks in the lower grade, who have been promoted as Head Clerks, have passed the departmental test, while those in the higher grade have not.

Acting teachers in Girls' Schools.

93. ✻ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any list is maintained in the office of the Chief Inspectress of Girls' Schools with regard to the persons who have acted as teachers of Girls' Schools in the order of their seniority;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it is the date of first appointment that is considered in fixing the seniority;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether recruitments are made according to that list and if so the date of first appointment of the last recruit and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the basis on which the acting claims of applicants for posts are considered?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) *First Part.* Yes.

Second Part. 2-12-1103.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Remission of tax on Ayacut lands.

94. ✻ MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sum that the Government would have had to remit if they had accepted the recommendation of the Assembly to effect a 25 per cent. reduction in the Ayacut tax for 1109 and

(*b*) the sum that has been actually remitted by the Government by the reduction of 12½ per cent. on the tax on wet lands?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Approximately Rs. 8,74,641.

(*b*) Approximately Rs. 2, 22, 658.

The Changanachery—Wazhur road.

95. * MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) on how many occasions the Changanachery—Wazhur road became unfit for cart traffic during the recent South-West monsoons;

(*b*) how many days the P. W. D. took in repairing the road on each occasion;

(*c*) whether cart traffic was completely stopped on any occasion;

(*d*) if so, for how many days; and

(*e*) the total sum realised by the Government from the two toll-gates (at Changanachery and Wazhur) in 1108?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A portion of the 4th mile of the road became unfit on two occasions.

(*b*) About a week.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise.

(*e*) It is not possible to give this figure separately, as Changanachery and Wazhur are only two of the eight gates included under "Changanachery" and "Piruvalla" toll-gates, which were all auctioned together.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): If the cart traffic is stopped anywhere in the road, will the matter be reported to the Chief Engineer by the local authorities?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Certainly, it will be reported.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Has not the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, written to the Chief Engineer as yet that at one time at least the cart traffic was stopped?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice for that.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Has not the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, written to the Chief Engineer that about the 15th of Edavam he himself found it impossible to pass along the road?

PRESIDENT: That is furnishing information to Government and not asking for information.

Flood relief in Nedumangad taluk.

96. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was not a flood in Nedumangad taluk in the month of Thulam 1108 M. E.;

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